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**Winter Meeting
Tuckerton Seaport,
Ocean County
March 7, 2009**

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THE LEAGUE IS "GOING GREEN."

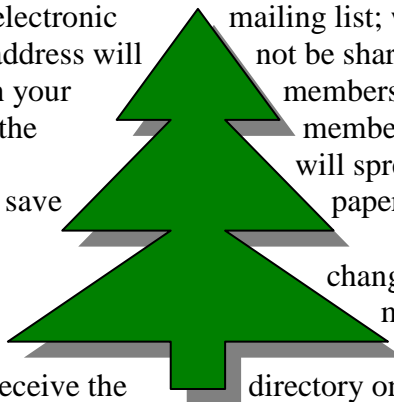
Following current trends, the League is "Going Green." What does this mean to you? Beginning with this issue of our newsletter, each society will receive only one printed copy by regular mail.

To receive additional copies, contact Linda Barth at barths@att.net or 908-722-7428 and provide an email address for someone in your society. She will then add that address to the electronic mailing list; we use a blind carbon copy, assuring that your address will not be shared. We ask your help in sharing the paper copy with your members. Email versions can be forwarded to all of the members in your organization. We believe this will spread our news to a wider audience as well as save paper (and a little \$ too!).

The distribution of the 2009 League Directory is changing, too. Instead of making a printed copy available to you at membership meetings, we will send it to your society's email address. Then you may redistribute it or forwarding it. This will assure that everyone will receive the directory on a more timely basis.

At this time, the revised By-Laws, which were approved in October, are ready to send. The changes are few, but if you would like to receive them electronically, advise Linda and she will get them to you.

We hope you will welcome this opportunity to receive less paper.



ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2008

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey announces its **ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM** and invites its member organizations to submit entries. Awards will be given for works published in the year 2008, in the following categories:

**BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, NEWSLETTERS, JOURNALS, CALENDARS,
POSTERS, and OTHER MEDIA (AUDIO CASSETTES/CDs,
VIDEO CASSETTES/DVDS)**

For works published in 2008, awards will be presented at the league meeting in **June 2009**. The deadline for submission of entries is **JANUARY 31, 2009**. Please send your entries to: **Publication Awards Committee, League of Historical Societies of NJ, c/o New Jersey Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102.**

For further information, contact Linda Barth, Executive Director, LHSNJ, at 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. Please **DO NOT** send entries to this address.

The Slate of Officers and Directors of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

Listed below are your officers and trustees. Terms expire at the date in ().

President (2010)

J.B. Vogt
Fellowship for Metlar House

First Vice President (2009)

Robert J. Hunter
Haddon Heights Historical Society

Vice-President, Northern (2010)

Catherine Sullivan
Victorian Society

Vice-President, Central (2009)

Mary Swarbrick
Fellowship for Metlar House

Vice-President, Southern (2010)

June Sheridan
Atlantic County Historical Society

Secretary (2010)

Kevin M. Hale
Metuchen-Edison Historical Society

Treasurer (2010)

Dorothy M. Andrew
Gloucester County Historical Society

Trustee, Northern (2010)

Dorothy E. Johnson
Oakeside-Bloomfield Cultural Center

Trustee, Northern (2012)

Betty Hardy
Madison Historical Society

Trustee, Central (2012)

Jeffrey McVey
Lambertville Historical Society

Trustee, Central (2010)

Donald Peck
Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance

Trustee, Southern (2010)

Sonia L. Forry
Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township

Trustee, Southern (2012)

Jean C. Lacey
Toms River Seaport Society

Trustee-at-Large (2012)

Timothy Hart
Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen's Museum

Trustee-at-Large (2010)

Robert R. Longcore
Andover Historical Society

Historian (2010)

Sylvia Mogerman
Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table

The following are valuable members of our board, but they are not elected positions:

Executive Director

Linda J. Barth
214 North Bridge Street
Somerville, NJ 08876;
908-722-7428; barths@att.net

Membership Chairman

Dorothy Pietrowski
Madison Historical Society

Trustees Emeriti

Bernard Bush

Ruth Kane Fern

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I joined the Board in the mid-1990s when Bernie Bush asked me to chair the Development Committee. At that time, our chief goal was to obtain funding to hire an administrator who could assume the day-to-day operations of the League. Thankfully, we met that goal and engaged Linda, who has become our executive director. I'm counting on Linda's continuing resourcefulness to help us thru the next two years.

We owe a resounding thank you to Jim Raleigh for stepping up to the plate two years ago and volunteering to be our president. It was his second tour of duty in that office, and his efforts are appreciated by all of us.

As we begin this new term, I'm excited that we are adding four new members to our board. Three are new trustees: Tim Hart from Tuckerton Seaport, Jeff McVey from Lambertville Historical Society, and Don Peck from the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, and our Historian, Sylvia Mogerman of the Phil Kearny Civil War Roundtable. The varied experiences these four bring will infuse the board with new energy and ideas for the future.

We face greater challenges now than we did in the 90s. In the near term, it appears that outside funding opportunities will be harder to obtain. Comcast has advised they will not automatically renew their grant to fund our newsletter; however, we are instituting some cost saving measures to help us meet our financial obligations and are confident that we'll be able to do so. Please read about our newest goal: "Going Green."

What will keep our League vital is the active participation of our members. Of late, we have received some good ideas from you. We remind you that board meetings are open to any member with something they wish to discuss. With continued input from you and support from a very knowledgeable board, I see a strong future for the League.

JB Vogt

DEADLINE: Submissions for the April issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than March 1, 2009. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; barths@att.net; 908-722-7428.

Material submitted electronically should be in WORD format. Photographs will be scanned and returned. Digital photographs should be submitted in .jpeg or .tiff.



ECONOMY AFFECTS ALL OF US



We are creating a Fundraising Committee and seeking a Chairperson to head it. If you would like to volunteer, please email JB Vogt at jbvogt@comcast.net for more details. Your small reward for this effort is that you will become a member of the League Board which meets periodically at East Jersey Olde Town no more than six times a year.

As the costs of postage and printing continue to rise, the League is feeling the pinch of these economic times. As a result, we are offering you the chance to help **sponsor our newsletter**, the *League News* in your name or as a dedication or memorial to a loved one.

With a donation of \$10 or more, you will become a Friend of the League; with a donation of \$20 or more, you will become a Benefactor of the League; and with a donation of \$50 or more, you will become a Patron of the League. Your donation is fully tax deductible. Contact Linda Barth (see page two for contact information) for more details. **Our first sponsors are:**

Friends:
 Elizabeth Menzies
 Elizabeth Marsden
 Theresa Fatone

Benefactor:
 Elizabeth Ball

Patrons: Donald Peck

 ★ **VISIT TUCKERTON SEAPORT,**
 ★ **TUCKERTON, NEW JERSEY**
 ★



★ The Borough of Tuckerton was first settled in 1698 by
 ★ the Quakers and was one of the first Ports of Entry into the
 ★ United States. The main business of Tuckerton was the
 ★ building and operating of ocean-going schooners.

★ Ocean County was created in 1850 out of Monmouth
 ★ County, without Little Egg Harbor/Tuckerton. What
 ★ county did Little Egg Harbor/Tuckerton break away
 ★ from, when, and why?

★ Two of the three native New Jersey boats were invented
 ★ within miles of the Tuckerton Seaport, a maritime village of
 ★ forty acres, with three historic buildings, seventeen recreated buildings, a mile-long nature walk, and the 11th
 ★ longest boardwalk in New Jersey. It is home to the Jersey Shore Folklife Center, the Boat Building and Repair
 ★ School at the Tuckerton Seaport, and the visitor center for the Jacque Cousteau National Estuarine Reserve.
 ★ Visitors can watch demonstrations by builders of wooden boats, decoy carvers, quilt makers, and basket
 ★ makers. The Tuckerton Seaport has over seventy wooden boats on display. The featured exhibit is “The Bay
 ★ at Play,” a fanciful display of the baymen and pineys at play, with surfing, recreational fishing, sport, and
 ★ many other topics.

★ The US Life Saving Service began along the nearby shore and was responsible for saving over 177,000 lives
 ★ between 1871-1915.
 ★

NEW JERSEY'S ORIGINAL TREATY OF PARIS

On behalf of New Jersey State Archives, Joseph Klett has announced that the archives has posted images and transcriptions of the five pages of New Jersey's original Treaty of Paris (preliminary articles, ratified by the Continental Congress), which signified the end of the Revolutionary War. The new site was created in celebration of the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the news of the final treaty in Princeton. The first and last pages of the manuscript were exhibited in October at Drumthwacket for the Crossroads of the American Revolution's event.

You can check out the new website here: www.njarchives.org/links/treasures/treatyofparis.html.

Kudos to the publication unit, Veronica Calder, Joanne Nestor and Lois Bredlow, for this great new addition to the State Archives site!

MARKETPLACE REQUESTS ANSWERED

In our last issue, we asked if anyone could suggest places from which to buy museum supplies, large and small. Below is a list, thanks to Carla Zimmerman, CAPES coordinator. The small font is necessary in order to provide you with as complete a list as possible. **Please request a larger font format by contacting Linda Barth (see page two).**

APPENDIX A

American Association for State and Local History

1400 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203

www.aaslh.org

Books and pamphlets on preserving various types of materials and on administrative issues.

Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative

4400 Route 9 South, Suite 3400, Freehold, NJ 07728-1383

732-409-6484; connie@cjrlc.org; www.cjrlc.org

Regional library cooperative that covers central New Jersey and offers many educational programs.

Highlands Regional Library Cooperative

66 Ford Rd., Suite 124, Denville, NJ 07834; 800-638-4752

jroukens@hrlc.org; www.hrlc.org

Regional library cooperative that covers Somerset and other counties and offers many educational programs.

INFOLINK (The East New Jersey Regional Library Cooperative)

44 Stelton Road, Suite 330, Piscataway NJ 08854;

866-505-5465; lyu@infolink.org; www.infolink.org

Regional library cooperative that covers North Jersey and sponsors educational programs.

League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

P. O. Box 909, Madison, NJ 07940; 908-722-7428

barths@att.net; www.lhsnj.org

Professional organization of all of the historical societies in the state; meets to discuss administrative, preservation, interpretation, and other issues tied to their museums and archives. The group puts out a good newsletter and holds several conferences throughout the year in North, Central and South Jersey.

Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums (MAAM)

The Carroll Mansion, 800 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; 410-223-1194

2006@midatlanticmuseums.org; www.midatlanticmuseums.org

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC)

www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC

New Jersey Caucus: www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC/caucuses/newjersey.html. Bi-annual professional meetings, workshops, newsletter, publications. MARAC New Jersey Caucus meets

about four times per year and manages the free CAPES consultant service with funding from the NJ Historical Commission.

New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), History and Preservation Section

c/o Joe Da Rold, Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060; 908-757-2305

joseph.darold@plfdpl.info; www.njla.org/sections/history

Professional organization of librarians that meets to discuss preservation issues and New Jersey history. The group puts out a useful newsletter and provides programming throughout the year as well as at the NJLA annual conference every April.

New Jersey State Library

185 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0520; 609-292-6220

www.njstatelib.org

Preservation Initiative Program

Michele Stricker; mstricker@njstatelib.org

Library Development Bureau, NJ State Library, P. O. Box 520, Trenton, NJ 08625-0520; 609-278-2640 x164

PALINET

3000 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2801

215-382-7031; PALINET@palinet.org; www.palinet.org

Professional collaborative organization that provides cataloging resources locally to the Northeast. Most of their work is tied into the cataloging of library materials but they do regularly offer programs concerned with archival and library issues at their center in Philadelphia or at various libraries around the region. Expensive to join if establishing a library catalog, but non-members can attend the programming with modest fees.

Princeton Preservation Group

c/o Monmouth County Archives, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726; 732-308-3772

Professional group that meets regularly in the Central Jersey area with programs centered around paper and photographic preservation issues.

Society of American Archivists

600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140;

www.archivists.org

Professional educational meetings and workshops. Publications list on all phases of archival work.

APPENDIX B—Professional Archival Suppliers Allergy Buyer's Club

888-236-7231; www.allergybuyersclub.com

Humidifiers/dehumidifiers

The Archival Company (Division of **University Products**)

P.O. Box 1239, Northampton, MA 01061-1239; 800-442-7576

www.archivalco.com

Including personalized albums, Mylar pocket pages, and storage for collectibles. Some overlap with University Products catalog, which is longer.

Archival Methods

235 Middle Road, Henrietta, NY 14467; 866-877-7050

Dennis Inch, President, formerly of Light Impressions, with similar product line.

Archival Products, A Division of Library Binding Service

P.O. Box 1413, Des Moines, IA 50305-1413; 800-526-5640

www.archival.com

Atlantic Protective Pouches

P. O. Box 1191, Toms River, NJ 08754; 732-240-3871

High quality Mylar enclosures for valuable items. Somewhat expensive to use for routine items, but worth the extra cost for important materials. Can also make customized enclosures for odd sizes. Successor to Taylor Made Co.

B&H

bhphotovideo.com

Source for archival polypropylene negative and print top loaders and albums, including Safe-TBinders, an album that closes up to keep out dust and light (also available from Print File, Inc.) Economical source for photo and video equipment and supplies.

Bags Unlimited

7 Canal Street, Rochester, New York, NY 14608; 800-767-BAGS

Polyethylene bags and sleeves (inexpensive and safe for photos, but not as protective as polyester [a.k.a. Mylar] or polypropylene); also cardboard inserts (some identified as acid-free).

Bill Cole Enterprises

P. O. Box 60, Dept. SAA, Randolph, MA 02368-0060; 800-99-GARDS; bcemylar@internetmci.com; www.bcemylar.com

Makes Mylar sleeves.

Calright Instruments

866-363-6634; sales@calright.com; www.calright.com

Hygrometers

Conservation OnLine

List of suppliers: palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/suppliers.

The main page has much more information about conservation of archival records and museum collections.

Conservation Resources International

8000 H Forbes Place, Springfield, VA 22151; 800-634-6932

Folders and boxes, including special boxes for photographic storage with Microchamber technology.

Court Record Services

Frankford Arsenal Building, 210-3 Tacony and Bridge Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19137-0920; 215-535-7790; Contact: David Powers. Microfiche and microfilm

Dorlen Products, Inc.

6615 West Layton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53220; 414-282-4840. Supplier of Water Alert sensing equipment used in

archival storage facilities and computer rooms.

Gaylord Bros.

P. O. Box 4901, Syracuse, NY 13221-4901; 800-448-6160

Storage materials and conservation supplies. Offerings include large polypropylene sleeves for oversize photographs.

www.gaylord.com

Hollinger Corporation

800-634-0491; hollingercorp@erols.com; www.hollingercorp.com

Storage materials and conservation supplies.

Howard Glass

379 Southwest Cutoff, Worcester, MA 01604; 508-753-8146

Replacement glass in various thicknesses to match those in daguerreotypes, autochromes, lantern slides, etc.

Humidifier World

www.humidifierworld.com

Humidifiers/dehumidifiers

Image Permanence Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology, 70 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623-5604; 716-475-5199

Source for toner treatment for microfilm permanence, acetate film storage guide, and test strips to determine stage of acetate negative degradation (vinegar syndrome).

Light Impressions

P. O. Box 787, Brea, CA 92822-0787; 800-828-6216

www.lightimpressionsdirect.com

Suppliers of products for photographic storage. Also UV sleeves for fluorescent lights, UV filtering glass and acrylic for frames, other framing materials, and many other archival supplies

Metal Edge, Inc.

6340 Bandini Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040; 800-862-2228

www.metaledgeinc.com

Archival storage materials

National Safety Products Inc.

877-412-3600; www.testproducts.com

Hygrometers

OCLC Preservation Resources (formerly Mid-Atlantic Preservation Service)

Nine S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem, PA 18017-8916; 610-758-8700; President: Meg A Bellinger; meg_bellinger@oclc.org

Microfilming, storage of microfilm masters, OCLC cataloging, consultation, and training

Photofile

P. O. Box 123, Zion, NJ 60099; 312-872-7577

Mylar sleeves

Print File

P. O. Box 607638, Orlando, FL 32860-7638; 407-886-3100/800-508-8539; www.printfile.com

Archival storage materials, especially for photographic materials

RGB Broadcast Video Services

1234 Southhampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116; 215-464-3158

Videotape duplication and restoration

TALAS

20 W. 20th Street, New York, NY 10001-1996; 212-736-7744

Specialty tools and products for preservation of archival materials, many hard to find elsewhere. Includes bookbinding and book repair, Japanese mending papers, equipment, boxes.

University Products

P. O. Box 101, 517 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040; 800-628-1912. Wide range of products for archives, including mat board, boxes, encapsulation supplies and equipment

VidiPax

450 W. 31st, New York, NY 10001; 800-653-8434
Videotape restoration, duplication, and archival quality storage cases. Also motion picture film/videotape conversions.

APPENSIX C—Conservators

The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC)

1717 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-5346; 202-452-9545; www.aic.stanford.edu

Membership directory of professional conservators Paper materials – Major conservation work These two institutions provide a great deal of information on their web sites concerning the preservation, storage and handling of paper and photographic collections. When in doubt about any preservation issue, check the website of this major Northeastern conservation center first. Also offers workshops on preservation and conservation topics.

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts

264 South 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 215-545-0613; ccaaha@ccaaha.org; www.ccaaha.org

Northeast Document Conservation Center

100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494; 508-470-1010; www.nedcc.org

Other Conservation Resources

Chicago Albumen Works

P. O. Box 805, 174 Front Street, Housatonic, Massachusetts 02136; 413-274-6901; info@albumenworks.com; www.albumenworks.com. Wide range of conservation and restoration services, including photographic conservation, glass plate negative digitization, and continuous tone microfilming. Also publications on preservation.

Local New Jersey Conservators—Note: This is a partial list, check with AIC for members in New Jersey.

Julia Dennin Ream, Wenonah, NJ; 856-415-0891
Joanna S. Pietruszewski, Belle Mead, NJ; 908-359-5200
Janet W. Koch, Rehoboth Beach, DE; 302-226-1527
Konstanze Bachmann, Bordentown, NJ; 609-291-9187
The Better Image, P. O. Box 48, Milford, NJ 08848; 908-995-2600; biphoto@mindspring.com
Photographic Conservator Peter Mustardo, Ocker & Trapp, Inc. Suter Conservation, 17C Palisade Avenue, P. O. Box 229 Emerson, NJ 07630-0314; 201-265-0262

APPENDIX D—Other Resources

American Association for State and Local History
1717 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37203-2991; 615-320-3203; membership@aaslh.org; www.aaslh.org

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC)
Special Materials Cataloging Division, NUCMC Team,
101 Independence Ave., S.E., Stop 4375, Washington, D.C.
20540-4375; 202-707-7954; nucmc@loc.gov;
www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc

Most libraries and archives in New Jersey can send finding aids to NUCMC for entry in the online Research Libraries Informa-

tion Network (RLIN)

Disaster Recovery

American Freeze Dry, Inc., 39 Lindsey Ave., Runnemede, NJ 08078; John M. Zionce, President; 800-817-1007

Freeze drying of water damaged materials, ozone treatment to sanitize and deodorize records, etc.

Munters Moisture Control Services

160 Raritan Center Parkway, Raritan Center, Edison, NJ 08837; 800-959-7442

Environmental control and disaster recovery.

Blackmon Mooring (BMS)

Cherry Hill, NJ; 800-433-2940

Global disaster recovery services.

Insurance Restoration Specialists, Inc.

26 Kennedy Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816; 800-634-0261; FAX 732-295-6680; Contact: Tom Licker

tlicker@irs-restoration.com; www.irs-restoration.com

Appraisers for collection items – museum items and general

International Society of Appraisers

1131 SW 7th Street, Suite 105, Renton, WA 98055; 206-241-0359; isa@isa-appraisers.org; www.isa-appraisers.org

Professional organization of appraisers pertaining to many fields of study from clothing, jewelry, furniture to photographs and paper items. Many members of this Society will do appraisals of objects or collections for a fee. Several of the members are in NJ.

Appraisers for collection items – books and manuscript items

Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America

www.abaa.org

Professional organizations of dealers in rare and used books.

Many members of this Association will also do appraisals of rare books (and sometimes even manuscript material) for a fee.

Several of the members are in NJ.

The Manuscript Society

www.abaa.org

Professional organization of dealers in rare and used books.

Many members of this Society will also do appraisals of documents or manuscript collection material for a fee. Several of the members are in New Jersey.

Appraisers and dealers in NJ for historic documents and books

Brian Kathenes, National Appraisal Consultants

P. O. Box 482, Hope, NJ 07844-0482; 908-459-5996; 800-323-5996; brain@nacvalue.com

James Crawford

1017 Park Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108-3236; 856-854-3049; Crawford@eticomm.net

Joe J. Felcone, Inc.

P. O. Box 366, Princeton, NJ 08542; 609-924-0539; www.felcone.com

J & J Hanrahan

320 White Oak Ridge Rd, Short Hills, NJ 07078; 973-912-8907

APPENDIX E—Funding Institutions

National Endowment for the Humanities

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20506; 800- NEH-

1121; info@neh.gov; www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html

www.archives.gov/preservation/modern-archives-institute

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 111, Washington, DC 20408-0001; 202-501-5610; nhprc@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/grants/index.html

New Jersey Historical Commission
New Jersey Department of State, P. O. Box 305, Trenton, NJ 08625-0305; 609-292-6062; njhc@sos.state.nj.us; www.newjerseyhistory.org

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES)
contact information same as NJ Historical Commission

Save America's Treasures
National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; 877-873-2787; www.saveamericastreasures.org/contact.htm; www.saveamericastreasures.org

APPENDIX F—Sources of Archival Education & Training MARAC (Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference)
www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC

National Archives Modern Archives Institute
West Moat, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408; 202-501-5390, ext. 279; mary.rephlo@nara.gov

New Jersey Library Association
4 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; 609-394-8032; www.njla.org

New Jersey State Library
P. O. Box 520, Trenton, NJ 08625; 609-292-6220; www.njstatelib.org

New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board (NJ SHRAB). New Jersey Dept. of Archives and Records Management, 225 West State Street, P. O. Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625-0307; 609-777-3598; www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/shrab.html. Statewide board of archivists from around the state that meet to determine policy and planning for statewide collections of historical records. It has offered some of the best programming on archives and preservation in the last few years and has a very modest cost for the quality of the information provided. SHRAB also makes recommendations on proposals to NHPRC for funding.

Rutgers University, School of Communication Information and Library Studies
4 Huntington Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; 732-932-7169 www.scils.rutgers.edu

Society of American Archivists
600 S. Federal Street, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140; www.archivists.org

DREW OFFERS HISTORIC PRESERVATION CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Sat., Feb. 7, 2009: Researching Your House's History; 10 am-3 pm, Madison Public Library, Madison NJ
Cost: \$115 (includes lunch)

Sat., March 7, 2009: Tools, Rules and Tricks to Advocacy: Knowing Who, How, Why, and When; 9 am-4 pm, Drew University, Madison NJ; Cost: \$100 (includes lunch)

Week of March 23, 2009: Start of Spring Historic preservation 10 week courses, including: Restoration and Preservation of Historic Structures, Practicing Preservation: Advocacy to Zoning, and Archeology's Place in Historic Preservation in NJ

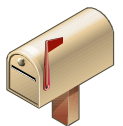
Sat., April 18, 2009: Historic Porches and Their Care, 9 am-4 pm, Drew University, Madison NJ; Cost: \$115 (includes lunch)

Sat., May 2, 2009: Research, Management and Gardening Techniques for Your Historic Garden; 9 am-4 pm, Cross Estate, Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ; Cost: \$115

For more information, please contact Patricia Laprey, Director of Continuing Education and Special Programs, Drew University Madison, NJ 07940; 973-408-3400; plaprey@drew.edu.

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS....

Hello Linda, I like receiving your emails re the League of Historical Societies. You are doing a wonderful service. Regards, Roberta S. Dodd



We are so grateful to our generous members who have helped these colleagues:
Sally Hastings, of the Somers Point Historical Society, who inquired about abandoned cemeteries;
Alicia Batko, of MARCH, who asked about map preservation; and
Dianne Snodgrass, of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, who requested information about the storage of archival materials.

Each of these members received many helpful responses from their colleagues. If you have a question, please send it to Linda Barth (see page two), and she will forward it to the membership.

TOURISM OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Jan Hefler, staff writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, writes that the South Jersey Tourism Corporation, hoping to boost tourism, soon will be spreading the word about Gloucester County's historic places, wineries and parks. The organization will produce a podcast with narrative and sound effects that visitors can listen to while touring five of the county's Revolutionary War sites. The \$40,000 project, funded by the state and county, is expected to be completed in May, according to John Seitter, the nonprofit corporation's president.

The 45-minute, free podcast will include blurbs about the historic battle of Fort Mercer, where patriots and Hessian soldiers clashed at Red Bank; the Whitall House, which served as a hospital for wounded soldiers; the Woodbury Friends Meeting House; the Olde Swedes Trinity Church; and the Bodo Otto house (where one of Washington's officers lived).

"We want to immerse people in the experience. We want them to feel they're part of the battle," Seitter said. The public will also be able to download maps, brochures and photographs that provide more insight into the places.

In a recent online survey, only 20 percent of the 400 respondents said they felt the county has "an existing tourism industry." More than 90 percent of the respondents said officials should encourage people to come to the county, Seitter said. "When we talk about tourism in Gloucester County people will sometimes just smile and say "There's tourism there?" said Lisa J. Morina, director of Business and Economic Development for the county. "We don't have big assets but we have tiny pockets of places you could string together and have a really good experience."

"We want people to come and spend money here and stay and dine and shop," she said. Seitter said he also believed the economic downturn may help these local tourist sites. "People still need to have fun and still need to get away in very trying times," Seitter said. He said his job would be to help people realize "there's a lot to see and do in their own backyard."

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HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2009

New Exhibit—Our Legacy: Haddonfield's First Family, The Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll. Memorabilia from the life of our state's 43rd governor and his family. Greenfield Hall, home of the **Historical Society of Haddonfield**. Wed-Fri, 1-4 and the first Sunday of the month, 1-4. Members, free; non-members, \$4.00. Other times available on request by calling 856-429-7375. Tours are welcome. Please call in advance so that a tour guide may be scheduled.

New Exhibit—Jan. 17-April 12—Family Circles: The Continuous Circle of Life of the First Local Free Black Settlement Exhibit: This Carriage House Gallery exhibit traces the descendents of the settlers of the first free Black settlement on Tabernacle Road, Erma, NJ to the residents of Cape May County today. Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. Dates and times vary. Admission: \$2, adults, \$1, children (3-12), or free with any tour of the Physick Estate. Free exhibit opening on Monday, Jan. 19. Co-sponsored by the Center for Community Arts and the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

New Exhibit Jan. 9-April 18—Faces of Courage, Faces of Challenge, Faces of Triumph: Portraits of Union Leaders, by Sherrell Medbery. **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, 83 Norwood Street in Haledon; M-F, 9-5. Tours Wed-Sat, 1-4 or by appointment. For further information, please see www.labormuseum.org or contact the museum at 973-595-7953 or labormuseum@aol.com.

January 13—Robert Costello portrays Abraham Lincoln as we celebrate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. **Brick Township Historical Society**, 7:30 pm, Herbertsville Firehouse, 501 Herbertsville Road, Brick.

January 21—Frenchmen in the American Civil War, presenter: John Koster. **Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table**, 7:30 pm, Wayne Public Library, 475 Valley Road, Wayne. For more information, contact Joe Truglio at 201-447-0753 or info@philkearnycwrt.org.

January 21—Rails Along The Canal. William McKelvey, United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey, presents a program about the history of the railroad in the Boonton area as well as some current information about the URHS's Boonton Restoration Yard. Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. 2:00 pm. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonthistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

January 25—Meet the Local Author—Jean Kreiling, author of *Cranford Kaleidoscope: Photos of Cranford, NJ*. Crane-Phillips House, 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford. 2-4 pm. 908-276-0082.

February 3 until January 2010—New Exhibit, Food for Thought. Learn about food and cooking during Colonial American in the Museum's tasty new exhibit Food for Thought. **The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts**, 9 Main Street, Madison; 973-377-2982 x10; www.metc.org.

February 8—Dinner and Recital of 18th-century string quartet music. Celebrate the presidents' birthday month and support the **Oakland (Bergen County) Historical Society**. Oakland Senior Citizens Center, Lawlor Drive. 5 pm. Fund-raiser to preserve the Van Allen House and the Stream House. Donation, \$35 per person for the evening. Questions? Contact Klaus and Jerri Angermueller, 201-337-9652.

February 12—Mark Lender, Professor of History at Kean University (topic to be announced). North Jersey American Revolution Round Table. 7:00 pm, Morris County Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Rd. (Rte 24) in Morristown.

February 14—Tory Jack Day. Friends of the Abraham Staats House. Jack, a slave in the Abraham Staats household during the American Revolution, reputedly supported the patriots by spying on the British. This year's program, *Samuel Burriss Speaks; Conductor on the Underground Railroad*, features speaker Joe Becton in period clothing, music, and members of the 6th Regiment United States Colored Troops Civil War Re-enactors. 11-4. Abraham Staats House, 17 Von Steuben Lane, South Bound Brook. For more information, call Brian and Kathy Faulks at 732-469-5836.

February 18—Join Joseph Plumb Martin, a revolutionary soldier who volunteered to serve at the age of 15. Later in life he documented his experiences so that this evening we can hear his first person memoirs, some amusing and some poignant, as he recounts events of day to day life during the war as interpreted by Eric Olsen, the well known local reenactor from the Morristown National Historic Park. Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. 7:00 pm. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonthistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

February 18—Bruce Form portrays Captain Myer Asch, 1st NJ Cavalry, as he tells us about Jewish soldiers in the American Civil War. **Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table**, 7:30 pm, Wayne Public Library, 475 Valley Road, Wayne. For more information, contact Joe Truglio at 201-447-0753 or info@philkearnycwrt.org.

February 22—20th anniversary celebration of the founding the Tewksbury Historical Society. Open House, noon-4. Society Headquarters 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Historical displays of Tewksbury history: maps, tax records, photos and more. Free. Food and refreshments. For more information, call 908-832-6734.

February 26—Black History in the Civil War. North Jersey Civil War Round Table. 7 pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township.

March 1—Meet the Author—“Faith and Community: A History of Local Belief” by Christine Glazer, Richard Koles and Robert Fridlington. **Cranford Historical Society.** Crane-Phillips House, 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford. 2-4 pm. 908-276-0082.

March 10—Doris Studeman will present her collection of **Shirley Temple and Dionne quintuplet dolls** and give a history of dolls. **Brick Township Historical Society,** 7:30 pm, Herbertsville Firehouse, 501 Herbertsville Road, Brick.

March 12—Admiral Joseph F. Callo (USN, retired), author of "John Paul Jones: America's First Sea Warrior," will discuss the career of our first naval hero. **North Jersey American Revolution Round Table.** 7:00 pm, Morris County Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Rd. (Rte 24) in Morristown.

March 15—Tewksbury Historical Society. Membership meeting and program on local history. 1 pm. Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Free. For more information, call 908-832-6734.

March 18—The Shannachie of Glendunbun Ballybeg: Traditional Celtic Tales. The wit and wisdom, humor and horror, and hubris and humanity of a people are found in their traditional stories. Compelling storyteller David Emerson retells (and embroiders) the colorful and ancient tales of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall in a presentation that will "warm, tickle, or chill the heart." 2:00 pm. An NJCH program. Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. 7:00 pm. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

March 18—John Zinn will speak about the 33rd NJVI. **Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table,** 7:30 pm, Wayne Public Library, 475 Valley Road, Wayne. For more information, contact Joe Truglio at 201-447-0753 or info@philkearnycwrt.org.

March 26—“Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, An Ambiguous Legacy” - Jonathan Lurie, Professor of History at Rutgers University. **North Jersey Civil War Round Table.** 7 pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, East Hanover Avenue, Morris Twp.

April 3-26—Tuckerton Seaport Art Fest, a celebration of creative expression to include art, theater, music and photography along with classes and demonstration of South Jersey folk arts for both children and adults. Adults, \$8; Seniors 62 and older, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; Members, \$6. 10-5; **Tuckerton Seaport,** 120 West Main St., Tuckerton; 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

April 4—Easter Afternoon Tea at the Museum at the Boonton Historical Society Museum. Reserved seating at 12:30 and 3:00 pm. We are repeating our Afternoon Tea with an Easter theme. Come and enjoy the elegance of a Victorian tea with costumed hosts and serving maids. Scones with raspberry jam, homemade lemon curd, and cream, together with finger sandwiches and other delicacies to delight your tastebuds. Musical accompaniment. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society,** 210 Main Street, Boonton at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

April 5—Meet the Author—Janet Strong, author of *I.M. Pei: The Complete Works*. Crane-Phillips House, 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford. 2-4 pm. 908-276-0082.

April 15—Celebrate New Jersey. Come and join Linda Barth for a leisurely armchair journey down the byways of the best state in the nation. Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. 2:00 pm. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

April 15—1st Vermont Brigade. Dick Simpson. **Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table,** 7:30 pm, Wayne Public Library, 475 Valley Road, Wayne. For more information, contact Joe Truglio at 201-447-0753 or info@philkearnycwrt.org.

April 16—Carol Neumann-Waskie portrays **Clara Barton** in authentic period costume. **North Jersey Civil War Round Table.** 7 pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township.

April 18—NJ Postcard, Book & Paper Show. Historical Society of Ocean Grove. Youth Temple, 9-4 pm. 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

April 24-Nov. 8—“What Were They Thinking: 160 Years of Bad Taste” Exhibit: As times change so do tastes. What

was the height of fashion in grandmother's day draws snickers from her granddaughter. From hoop-skirted ladies and the tendency to ornament the ornaments so popular in the Victorian era, to the 1950s beehive hairdos and tailfins, to today's over-the-top bling and pocketbook dogs, this exhibit looks at how styles change as the times do. Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. Dates and times vary. \$2, adults, \$1 children (3-12), or free with tour of the Physick Estate. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC). Questions? 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

April 25—Second Annual Spring Festival Country Fair—craft tables, baked goods and a "White Elephant" table. **Brick Township Historical Society**, 10-3 pm, grounds of the Havens Homestead Museum, 521 Herbertsville Road, Brick. Crafters are wanted. For more information on the activities of the society, call 732-785-2500 or visit www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com.

May 1-August 29—Exhibit: The Irish in Labor, an exhibit on loan from the American Labor Studies Center (ALSC). **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, 83 Norwood Street, Haledon; M-F, 9-5. Tours Wed-Sat, 1-4 or by appointment. For further information, please see www.labormuseum.org or contact the museum at 973-595-7953 or labormuseum@aol.com.

May 1—Annual May Day Festival, an evening of instrumental and vocal music and sing-alongs in celebration of working people. 7 PM. Old World Gardens of the **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, 83 Norwood Street, Haledon; M-F, 9-5. Tours Wed-Sat, 1-4 or by appointment. For further information, please see www.labormuseum.org or contact the museum at 973-595-7953 or labormuseum@aol.com.

May 1-2—Symposium: "Abraham Lincoln, New Jersey and the Civil War" (don't miss this). **North Jersey Civil War Round Table**. 7 pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township.

May 2 & 3—Annual Seaport Irish Festival. Hosted in conjunction with the Ocean County A.O.H. Fr. Duffy Div.2. Bring the whole clan! Enjoy live Irish bands, pipers, step dancers, Celtic crafts, artists and vendors. Delicious foods and outdoor beer garden. Irish mass on Sunday 10am. Both days, 10-5. Adults, \$8; Seniors 62 and older, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; children 5 and under, free; Members, \$6. 10-5; **Tuckerton Seaport**, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton; 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

May 2—Biennial House Tour. Our biennial house tour will once again feature the variety of homes and architecture in the town of Boonton. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society**, 210 Main Street, Boonton at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

May 16—Canal Authors Extravaganza to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the opening of the D&R Canal. Noon to 3. Free. Mule Tenders Barracks, Griggstown. Contact 908-722-7428 or barths@att.net for more details.

May 17—3rd Annual Barbeque & Bluegrass Jamboree. Kick off the summer with the down home sounds of bluegrass and the sweet smell of barbecue. Crafters, vendors, food, refreshments, family activities, demonstrations, boat rides. 11-5. Adults, \$8; Seniors 62 and older, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; Members, \$6. 10-5; **Tuckerton Seaport**, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton; 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

May 17—Tewksbury Historical Society. Membership meeting and program on local history. 1 pm. Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Free. For more information, call 908-832-6734.

May 22—Dinner With Sherlock Holmes. Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the legendary detective, Sherlock Holmes. As portrayed by Neill Hartley in costume, hear the tales of some of Sherlock's most fascinating cases while enjoying a Victorian repast suitable to the era of Holmes and his associate Dr. Watson. 6:30 pm. Columbia Inn, Montville. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or

UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

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| March 7, 2009 | Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, Ocean County |
| June 13, 2009 | Historical Society of Ocean Grove, Monmouth County |
| October 3, 2009 | Montrose Park Historic District Association, South Orange, Essex County |
| March 2010 | Cumberland County Historical Society, Greenwich, Cumberland County |

We encourage your society to host a future League meeting. If you would like this opportunity to showcase your site, just contact Linda Barth, 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, and she will put you in touch with the regional vice-president for your area. **We look forward to visiting YOUR town some day soon.**

NEW JERSEY BOOKSHELF

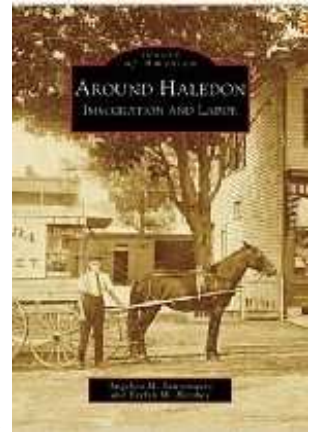
The American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark is proud to announce the publication of a photographic history, *Around Haledon: Immigration and Labor*, which features over 170 photographs highlighting the history of Haledon, New Jersey, from 1880 to 1930. Special attention focuses on the borough's immigrants and labor activities, particularly the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike. Many of the photographs were selected from the collection of the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark.

The book was created by Museum Director Angelica M. Santomauro, Ed.D., and Museum Education Director Evelyn Hershey, with the input and assistance of museum interns, volunteers, and knowledgeable members of the local community.

Around Haledon: Immigration and Labor is dedicated to New Jersey's working people and immigrants who sacrificed and persevered to establish justice in the workplace as a means of paving a less challenging road on which we all walk.

The American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark is a learning environment dedicated to the study of working people and immigrants. With restored period rooms, a library, exhibit space, museum store, and Old World Gardens, this landmark offers a great deal to visitors. Once the meeting place for thousands of silk mill workers during the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike, it continues to open its doors for organizations to hold meetings.

The museum is located at 83 Norwood Street, Haledon, New Jersey 07508. The museum's office operates Monday through Friday, 9-5. Tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday, 1-4 pm or by appointment. For further information, please call 973-595-7953, email labormuseum@aol.com, or visit the museum's web site at www.labormuseum.org. Published by Arcadia Publishing, the book is available at the museum store and in bookstores.



A Great Conveniency, a Maritime History of the Passaic River, Hackensack River, and Newark Bay describes

the role that riverine and coastal navigation played during the development of northern New Jersey. Commencing in the early 1600s with the European exploration of the local waterways, it relates how rivers facilitated early settlement and expanded the highway network into the hinterlands. Landings developed at Acquackanonck (Passaic), Bound Creek, New Bridge (New Milford), and Old Bridge (Oradell), and the towns of Belleville, Hackensack, Little Ferry, and Paterson depended on river traffic for commerce.

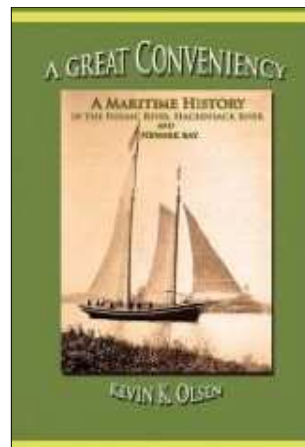
River proximity allowed British forces to raid the area during the American Revolution, and Americans used whaleboats and other local craft to retaliate. There is a detailed examination of nineteenth century cargoes such as bricks, coal, fertilizers, and lumber. The exports from the Meadowlands - cedar logs, hay, and wild game are also cited.

River craft used on the waterways are also part of the story, and locally built ships and boats, dugouts, canal boats, galleys, schooners, sloops, steamboats, periaugers, and tugboats are all explained, with numerous accompanying illustrations.

The changes that urbanization brought to the rivers and bays are investigated in sections devoted to the expansion of New York's harbor and the rise of Port Newark and Elizabethport. Other chapters explore how suburban growth created new opportunities for canoeing and yachting.

Carried to the present day, the book describing the efforts by the EPA and other environmental agencies, including river clean, landfill capping, and development of riverside parks.

Format: Perfect bound paperback; Pages: 248 including index; Illustrated: Yes, using historical and contemporary images. Kevin Olsen, Passaic River Institute, Montclair State University, Normal Avenue, Montclair, NJ, 07043; 973-655-4076. The author is on the staff of Montclair State University. Published by American History Imprints, 921 Leigh Valley Drive, Franklin TN 37069. The book retails for \$18.95. The author is available for public speaking engagements.



New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones—History in the Landscape,

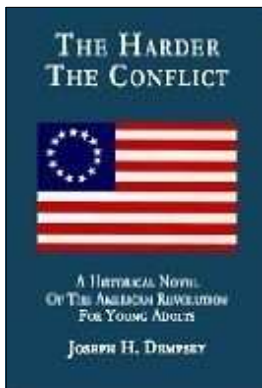
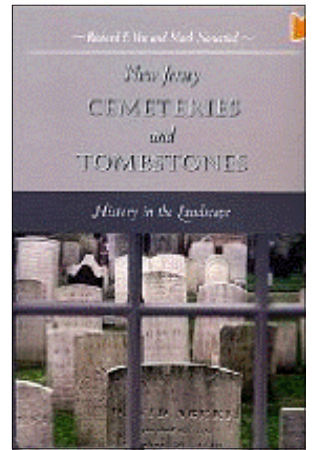
by Richard F. Veit and Mark Nonestied

In this sweeping tour of New Jersey's burial sites from the seventeenth century through the dawn of the twenty-first, readers will discover how headstones are much more than place markers for the deceased. From the earliest memorials that were once used by Native Americans, to some of the elaborate structures of the present day, historians Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied use grave markers to tell an off-beat account of New Jersey's history that is both fascinating and unique.

In detailed descriptions, the authors explain what cemeteries and their gravemarkers say about different individuals and the communities in which they lived. Images that decorate seventeenth-century headstones, such as skulls, hourglasses, and crossed bones, speak to the brevity of life in the colonial world. Eighteenth-century cemeteries reflect the distinctive cultures that sprang up in the state at that time, ranging from the unadorned marble markers used by Quakers, to rich brown sandstone used by settlers in the central and northern regions of New Jersey. By the Victorian era, markers were transformed into elaborate monuments and mausoleums as New Jerseyans honored their dead relatives with a cavalcade of obelisks, pillars, ornate statuary, and sculpture. Today's tombstones continue to mirror New Jersey society. A life-sized Mercedes Benz headstone in a Linden cemetery, for example, reflects the materialism of the new millennium. Also considered are modern-day novelties such as pet cemeteries and what they mean for modern culture.

Having visited more than 900 state burial grounds, and interviewed dozens of owners of monument companies, this richly illustrated book is essential reading for history buffs and indeed anyone who has ever wandered inquisitively through their local cemeteries.

Richard Veit is an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University. He is the author of *Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State*, winner of the 2003 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award. **Mark Nonestied** has been a staff member of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission since 1991. He currently serves as the Director of Exhibits and Programs at a historic site in Piscataway.



Revolutionary Idea: A Book On Morris' History—abridged from an article by Laura Bruno of the *Daily Record*

Joseph Dempsey knows that the best way to get young people to appreciate history is to tell them a good story. As a teacher at Morristown High School for 31 years, Dempsey unraveled history daily for his students, often bringing them to a juicy cliffhanger just as the bell was about to ring.

Dempsey has spent five years translating his storytelling into a novel that melds his twin devotion to history and educating teens. Set in his hometown of Morristown, *The Harder the Conflict: A Historical Novel for Young Adults* opens along the Whippanong River, a mile from the town green, where a young boy, Jimmy Stiles, stumbles across a secret gun powder mill while on a search for beavers. Set in 1776, the book follows Jimmy as he becomes an aide to Gen. George Washington, first meeting the commander of the Continental Army at Arnold's Tavern on the green. Although a work of fiction, the history is accurate, even down to the dates of snowstorms, Dempsey said, and the majority of characters were real Morristown-area residents during the Revolutionary War. The main character is 12-year-old Jimmy, who was the great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of Dempsey's wife, Audrey.

Some of Morristown's founding fathers appear in the book, including Jacob Ford Jr., whose mansion became Washington's headquarters, and the Rev. Timothy Johnes, the first pastor of the Morristown Presbyterian Church. "If you go to the Morristown Presbyterian Church cemetery, you can find the graves of almost everyone in the book," Dempsey said. In his story, Dempsey sought to tell Morristown's history during the Revolutionary War, often overlooked despite its importance to the Continental Army, which spent two harsh winters camped here.

The book is meant for readers in sixth through ninth grades, and Dempsey hopes schools in northern New Jersey will seek it out as a supplemental reading to help teach about the Revolutionary War.

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CELEBRATE NJ! LEADS STATE WAYFINDING INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES NJ "POINTS OF INTEREST" MAP SITE TO DRIVE TOURISM

Celebrate NJ! (www.CelebrateNJ.org) a non-profit organization committed to promoting and preserving the best of New Jersey, has announced the introduction of *NJPOI.com*, an interactive New Jersey-focused map site, featuring thousands of arts, history, education, recreation, food, lodging, and shopping "points of interest" for NJ visitors.

The site is the latest tangible result of a statewide Wayfinding Initiative begun in December 2007 headed by Celebrate NJ! Its goal is to create a seamless, systematic, first-class statewide wayfinding system that makes New Jersey more livable, friendly and easy to navigate for all who travel here.

Directed by a steering committee of major stake-

holder representatives including Travel and Tourism, Transportation and others, the progress to date on the wayfinding project includes: the development of a statewide Wayfinding Master Plan (now 90% complete); recommendations to NJDOT to improve the TODS (Tourist Oriented Destination Signage) program; plans to create a pilot project to demonstrate a successful wayfinding system across counties and municipalities in 2009, and an interactive map site (www.NJPOI.com) to interface with online technology. All work on the initiative has been funded through private sources.

The NJ Points of Interest map (www.NJPOI.com) was created to provide a one-stop online map site to help promote and direct visitors to thousands of New Jersey's points of interest as one community effort. It features search functions by area or category, public transit information showing sites within walking distance of train stops, member access to update information at all times, and a total focus on New Jersey.

"With more and more of us spending our leisure time closer to home and opting for mass transit, NJPOI can help visitors discover new and interesting things to do and see in all parts of NJ, and give them options right off the train or bus lines", said Karen Hatcher, Executive Director of Celebrate NJ! "Millions of visitors can find great experiences they didn't even know they were looking for, stay longer and spend more dollars on local tourism supporting our state economy and tourist focused businesses all over New Jersey."

The site currently contains over 2,000 free listings that provide the name, address and directions to a variety of points of interest and is expandable to add locations as needed. Points of Interest locations who want to include additional information may become a member of NJPOI.com. There are two membership levels. "Full" Membership provides a individualized map page that is controlled by the member, featuring text, photos, links and video about the location and is offered at \$150 per year (\$250 after 1/1/09). Locations may also choose to become a "Link Only" Member for \$25/year. For full details and online membership form, visit www.NJPOI.com, *Become a Member* page.

A comprehensive marketing plan including radio, cable and web video spots to promote the site will be added to the site later this year in time for a public campaign kick off in early 2009. The map site is currently a beta version during the membership drive with updated home and search page expected in the coming months. Visit the FAQ page for more information about NJPOI.com or contact Karen Hatcher, Executive Director of Celebrate NJ! at NJPOI@CelebrateNJ.org. For more details on the Wayfinding Initiative including a view of the Master Plan, visit www.CelebrateNJ.org, *Wayfinding*.

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**THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES WINTER MEETING
HOSTED BY THE TUCKERTON SEAPORT, TUCKERTON,
OCEAN COUNTY, SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009**

- 9:00 am – Registration and Refreshments (Seaport will be open for tours and demonstrations)
9:30 am – Welcome and Introductions
9:40 am – League Business Meetings
10:40 am – Break – Beach Apparatus Drill Demonstration by the students from the Ocean County
MATES Academy
10:50 am – The War at the Shore – the American Revolution along the NJ Shore and Pinelands –
Timothy Hart, Tuckerton Seaport
11:50 am – Lunch (free boat tours of Tuckerton “Crick”)
12:30 pm – Begin guided tour – Vans supplied by Ocean County Parks and Recreation (room for 30)
and flyers provided for those who want to car pool or follow.
Tour will feature traveling commentary and visits to Pulaski Headquarters; Pulaski Monument, site
of the October 1788 encounter between troops of Ferguson and Kashmir Pulaski; Tuckerton Wireless
Bases; Chestnut Neck Monument (5th largest in New Jersey – to the October 1788 attack by British
under Ferguson); Cedar Bridge Tavern; Manahawkin Old Baptist Church (site of December 3, 1781
skirmish); and optional visit to Batsto (the forks) and Tuckerton Museum. The van tour takes about 3
hours)

Hotels:

JD Thompson B&B 609-294-1331
149 East Main Street, Tuckerton, NJ 08087

Holiday Inn of Manahawkin 609-481-6100
151 Route 72, Manahawkin, New Jersey 08087

Inn at Sea Oaks Country Club 609-296-5225
99 Golf view Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

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Route 9, Absecon New Jersey

If you have questions before March 7, please call Renee Kennedy at the seaport at 609-296-8868. For questions
on the morning of March 7, please call 609-335-3663.

REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Fee of \$20.00 includes a buffet lunch.

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation: _____

Reserve a seat on the van? _____ (first come, first served)

Please send check for \$20.00, payable to Tuckerton Seaport, to Box 52, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. For more
information, call 609-296-8868 or visit the website: www.tuckertonseaport.org.

DIRECTIONS TO THE LEAGUE MEETING AT THE TUCKERTON SEAPORT 120 WEST MAIN STREET, TUCKERTON

Tuckerton Seaport is conveniently located on Route 9, 1/2 mile south of the intersection of Route 9 and Route 539 in historic downtown Tuckerton.

From Trenton

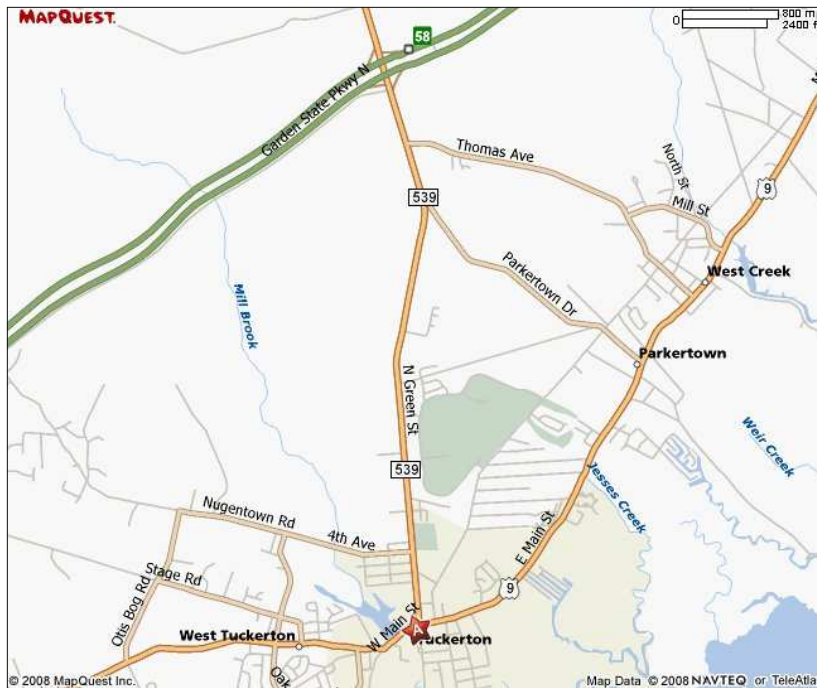
Take Rt 206 to Route 70 east to Rt 72 east. Watch for cut-off in Pine Barrens to Tuckerton (Rt 539) on right, midway between circle and Long Beach Island. Follow Rt 539 south (becomes Green Street) to the third traffic light at Route 9 (Main Street) in Tuckerton (WaWa on corner). Turn right at light onto Rt 9 (Main St). The seaport is ahead on the left across from the lake.

From North Jersey

Take the Garden State Parkway south to Exit 58 (Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor). Turn left at end of ramp onto Rt. 539 south. Follow Rt 539 (becomes Green Street) to the third traffic light at Rt 9 (Main Street). Turn right. The seaport is on left across from the lake.

From South Jersey

Take the Garden State Parkway north to Exit 50 (New Gretna/Rt 9 north). Follow Rt 9 north for about 7 miles through New Gretna and into Little Egg Harbor Township. The seaport is on the right across from the lake approximately 1 mile after entering Tuckerton Borough.



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